MISERY OF A TENANT'S LIFE. SELECTING A DOMICILE AND MOVING.

A Sermon to Women Who Long for Bicycles-They Are a Severe Test of Female Beauty, and Expose

If the patriarchal Job had been a tenant with a nineteenth-century wife, and had been compelled once every year to hunt house at \$25 per month, he would soon have broken that record of patience which made him a biblical hero. Now, if there ene thing above all others that a woman does like, it is a good-looking louse, which makes her friends think she s living in the lap of luxury. She may e willing to economize in small things, and to allow her husband to smoke a pipe instead of clears, but when it comes to a residence she has a great deal to my-a great deal too much, in fact. First of all, there must be the aristocratic locaion, with nice neighbors, and a good view from the windows. This location must be among people who really have money, and who in their idle moments amuse emselves by throwing the lucre at birds. must be in the West End-not too far om the dry-goods stores, however, and et far enough to draw the social line on those who live in the eastern sections. There must be no small shops around, and no conveniences in the way of newsstands, drugstores, or restaurants-in truth, no place wherein a masculine heart Secondly, the house itself, though cir-numscribed by a \$25 rental, must be a

numsorihed by a \$25 rental, must be a hodern palace, calculated to make outsiders think that the occupants thereof re millionaires, and live therein from preference—not from lack of cash. There must be double pariers opening into a fining-room which displays the family fliver, triple-plated and judiciously arranged to attract public attention. A large hallway must be provided, and a front porch in which the children's velocibedes, baby-carriages, express-wagons, front porch in which the children's vende-pedes, baby-carriages, express-wagons, twings, and juvenile paraphernalla may be stored. The hitchen must hang back a respectful distance in the rear, and must be too well ordered to emit the smell of cooking cabbage or to hint that beef-steak and colons are on the programme for dinner. Though not absolutely required, a commodious back-yard is desirable. Possebly your wife may be fond of flowers, and if so, she will probably wish to reof around in the earth with your Hight-dollar carving-knife, or to plant vines on your jointed fishing-pole.

On the next floor there must be at least one waste room in which she may hile the broken chairs and other lumber from which she refuses to part. This place she will also utilize as a repository for your last year's clothes, which she wishes to sell without your knowing it. carpets you had in the old house, and yet not so small that your best set of tround: to observe pedestrians, and make nventories of passing clothes. They nust also so look down in your own yard that approaching visitors may be seen and recognized. Sometimes your wife is technically "not at home" when the is looking out through that window. It is well, inasmuch as everything can be had for \$25 a month, to get a house that will afford a good view into other people's houses. Much interesting data may be thus accumulated, and there a moments when you can tell just what wort of negligee your neighbors wear.

Such, in short, are some of the things onsidered when you seek a house, whit aust, of course, be gotten when yo. Id lease expires. The real estate men will listen patiently to your wants and will show you just what you desire, only it lacks the aristocratic location or the \$25 feature or the windows or comething of that sort. Possibly you hay find exactly the residence you (as the thinking apparatus for your wife) wish, and just as you are gloating over your luck you discover that you must seize it immediately-two months before the provisions of your old contract ex-Your wife, on being told of your repeated fallures, gives a snort of mari-tal indignation and repeats the oft-used remark that men have absolutely no sense about business when it comes to their domestic affairs. In deep humility you set out again and valuely struggle to save yourself from the storm that awaits failure. At last, in despair, you give up the ghost and humbly report your stepidity. It is then that the femi-nine monarch starts on a tour of inspec-tion and terrorizes the real estate agents with her investigations. She visits scores of houses, incidentally gaining much valuable information about the former occupants, and invariably dis-covers some defects which make the place undesirable. She comes home and hints to you that \$60 a year more for hints to you that so a year more for rent would procure you an earthly parasise. The mere mention of this much money inspires you with a hitherto unknown courage, and, as ounded at your own bravery, you positively as ert that not 1 cent more than \$25 per month will come from your coffers for rent. Whereupon the good woman again goeth forth to torture the agents. This time she finds what she wants, and when time she finds what she wants, and when she describes it to you you discover that it lacks several of the essentials she men-tioned to you. When you mildly mention this fact to her, she indignantly de-clares that she had expressly told you that those things were not essential.

The house having been secured, the preparations for moving commence.
Men have been known to de at such periods, but far greater numbers of them have committed suicide. Under penalty of divorce, you are forced to let your business remain in charge of the office boy while you assist in transporting the eds and chattels. your mouth as you handle the crockery,

It seems to you that that tickling, hacking cough is all in the throat. But your doctor will tell you that this sensation is often deceiving. The cough is often the signal of deeper trouble in the bronchial tubes or in the lung tissue itself. These inflamed membranes can only be healed by treating the system. For all lung troubles, especially in the earlier stages, no remedy equals Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil. Its special power is in healing the inflamed tissues of the lungs.

and when you take up the carpets you long for death. You are astonished how many tacks there are in world and how weary a man's back can get. You chew dust and feel mud in your larynx. You likewise unearth much stale tobacco smoke, which makes you resolve to quit the use of the weed. When the pictures are removed from the walls you perform acrobatic feats, which have been hitherto unknown, and as you ascend the ninetynine-cent step-ladder, you prepare to bid farewell to all earthly things. It is asfarewell to all earthly things. It is astonishing, during the course of your labors, to note what a small value is placed upon your own belongings. If you don't watch closely your ten-dollar pistol will be given away to the colored man whom your wife has bleed to scald and the your wife has hired to scold, and the chances are a hundred to one that your bundle of receipts will be thrown in the stove. Your choicest books will be slung about as if they were waste paper, but the parlor lamp must be handled as if it were a thing of sanctity. At the new house (you are expected to be in both houses at once) you reverse all the labors you have hitherto undergone. Here the carpets have to be tacked down, and as the major-general decides to economize by having you do this, under hex supervision, you toil like a galley slave After you have realized that there are After you have realized that there are fifty times as many tacks as you had hitherto imagined, you find that the carpet wrinkles like the brow of an elephant's trousers. A feminine war-whoop announces this discovery. You find yourself in the position of Ulysses's wife, and must commence your work and the second of the seco must commence your work anew. Proof your emotions. When you hang the pictures you discover that they never swing even; that your wife has an eagle eye for discrepancies, and that she is a woman who proposes to have things done right. At nightfall, with two houses on your hands, you have nowhere to lay your head. The soap and towels are lost in the chaos of personal property, and you fear to venture on the streets lest you be fear to venture on the streets test you be arrested for vagrancy. And so the weary hours wear on, and the office boy holds high carnaval at your place of business, while your wife does likewise at your abode. When things finally settle down, you are told that if it hadn't been for you the family wouldn't have moved. Peace and quiet being finally secured, your wife commences her inventory of the neighbors. the neighbors. The one great effort of my long and

useful life has been to preach against the propriety of women on bicycles and to statement of doctrine such texts of Scripture as would prove each dectaration. This was done, and the whole was adoptable on a wheel. Methinks, in sooth, that any scrawny, raw-boned, angular, and langular nymphs have resorted to the bike," and that a seeker after feminine cauty should look elsewhere for that hich he desires; but, after all, every point out the disadvantages to which a female figure is subjected when placed upon a wheel. Methinks, in sooth, that many scrawny, raw-boned, angular, and beauty should look elsewhere for that which he desires; but, after all, every question has its pros as well as cons. Possibly if bicycles were reduced in price from \$100 to \$5 I would lower my colors and withdraw the edict which now ter-rorizes my household. Meanwhile the crusade must continue, and I shall still think that hone but ugly women choose this mode of locomotion. There's no question mode of locomotion. There's no question about the fact that short skirts sometimes reveal prodigious feet-feet eight times as large as those we had attributed to their possessors, and that women with small material for stockings had better stick to street-cars. So, too, the girl who in the privacy of her bouddir realizes that she is incapacitated to catch a pig in the alley, should continue to heaf it one. She realizes you would never penetrate this secred domain; that you wouldn't have the patience to look for anything in it. The frent chamber must be a model of elegance, not too large for the gest butterflies, but then their wheels gest butterflies, but then their wheels gest butterflies, but then their wheels come cheaper; and moreover, a youngster is not held to such strict accountability vantage. Above all things, as I have intimated before, the windows must command a wide sweep of country. They must enable the femilaine monarch behind the lace curtains which catch your a bathing suit should likewise shy at a smoke to see for squares smoke to see for squares observe pedestrians, and make fourths of her afe avoiding the saccha-rine matter and other flesh-producing diet, rine matter and other flesh-producing diet, may think, when she procures a blke, that she will soon reduce her ponderosity, but she will perspire in vain, and the sympa-thies of the public will be entirely with the wheel that has to carry such a weight. Moreover, an obese female, poised above the delicate steel spokes, suggests an hippopotamus entangled in a spider-web. The Presbyterians study these stand-chubby girlie, don't you let folk fool you into getting a wheel. If you must "reinto getting a wheel. If you must "reinto getting a wheel in a spider-web." The presbyterians study these standards of their Church more than most ards of their church more than continuous study their creeds, and a denominations study their creeds, and a duce," fall in love and then have a fuss with your midget. That will pull you down far more than pneumatic tires and pedals. In conclusion, let me say that I shall entertain a motion to reconsider the above whenever wheels are reduced, and on that happy day I shall be seen upon the boulevards heading the female semi-nary, who now give me no opportunity to talk in my own home THE IDLE REPORTER.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY.

Musical Mention-The Students Rejoice-Base-Ball.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24 .- (Special.)-On next Thursday evening, at Layman's Hall, Baltimore, the Glee, Banjo, Mandolin, and Guitar Club will give a concert, for which an elaborate programme is being rehearsed.

Father Richards, rector of the university, has been in Philadelphia the past week, attending the silver jubilee of Arch-

bishop Ryan. Father Ennis, the vice-rector, spent the Easter holidays in Norfolk, and on the Easter holidays in Norloik, and on Easter Sunday preached at the new church of the Sacred Heart. The Easter recess closed on Tuesday evening, and studies were resumed in all the departments Wednesday morning.

The result of the joint debate between the Law School Debating Society and the New York University Law School was the cause of a jubilee among the students. The record of the Law-School debaters has been greatly enhanced thereby, and all are looking forward eagerly to the return debate, which will take place the last

week in May. The students of the Biological Department will commence field work the coming week, under the direction of Professor Sylvester D. Judd. The first excursion will be made to an island above Cabin John, and the students will be required to observe and render an account of all manner of animal and vegetable (ife that may be found there, and to bring back specimens, which will be microsco-pically examined in the class-room. The base-ball team has had a run of hard luck for the past two weeks it is hoped that they will do better from

To the Levees.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.) sturdy banks of mud! That twixt us and the flood, Protection fling! That bid the raging mass, Fresh from its last crevasse; "Hold! Here thou can'st not pass!"

To thee I sing. Past thine embankments now, On many a darkened brow, Care holds its throne; There, many a kneecap bends, There, many a prayer ascends, There, many a heart depends

On thee alone. Think of the ruined homes If once that water roams Our lands above! Think of the years of toll Spent on our fruitful soil, That tyrant would despoil Our people of.

Think of the precious lives Of children, mothers, wives,
That look to thee
To save them from the doom
Forefold them by the boom
Of floods that at thee fume
So angrily.

Think of all these, and let
Not one small ripple get
Thy bulwarks through!
In this, our darkened hour,
When would that tyrant power
Our cherished State devour,
Oh, banks, be true!
CHARLES J. COLTON.

PRESBYTERY TO MEET

THIS WEEK'S SESSION OF THE BODY OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

ANNIVERSARY PRESBYTERIAN CREED.

Two and a Half Centuries Since the Adoption of the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms-Mr. Henry and Dr. Hoge to Speak.

The meeting of the Presbytery of East Hanover, which will begin in Dr. Kerr's church to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, with the holy communion and a sermon by the Rev. T. T. Jones, D. D., will be a memorable one, because it will be the occasion for celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Prabyterian creed, which is called "The Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms."

The name of this body of doctrine is derived from Westminster Abbey, where sat the assembly which framed it. The work was cone in what is still known as the "Jerusalem Chamber," the same in which the ravised version of the Bible was made in our own time. It is used now as the place of assembly for the authorities of Westminster Abbey, the famous mausoleum of England's mighty

THE WESTMINSTER ASSEMBLY. The Westminster Assembly of divines was called by act of Parliament, in the days of the great upheaval-civil and re-ligious-which marked the latter part of the reign of Charles I., King of England, to prepare a statement of doctrine, a system of Church government, and a directory of worship for the churches of the realm. Scotland was invited to send commissioners to this assembly, and these Scotch members exercised a powerful influence in all that was done. The as-sembly convened in 1613, and the Confession of Faith was completed in 1647. When first submitted to Parliament in London. the Parliament sent it back to the as-sembly, with instructions to add to every statement of doctrine such texts of Scrip-

tines to this day. The Westminster Confession of Faith was adopted for Scotland by the General Assembly of that country, August 4, 1647.
Presbyterianism had been made the established religion of Scotland long before, in the time of John Knox, whose creed, called "The Scot's Confe was adopted by the Scotish Parliament in 1560. The Westminster Confession in 1500. The Westminster Confession took the place of the "Scot's Confession" in 1647, and is still the creed of the Church of Scotland.

Church of Scottano.

John Knox, in 1559, not only gave Scotland its creed, but also a liturgy, called "The Book of Common Order," or 'Knox's Prayer-Book," which, never co pulsory, but optional, was used more less for nearly one hundred years. the attempt of the English Church to force Episcopacy upon the Scotch, the visible symbol of which was the English Book of Common Prayer, which attempt, atways resisted, cost the lives of 18,000 Scotch Presbyterians by flood and ax and sword, caused the Scotch to detest, for the time, the sight and name of a prayer-book, so that they not only re-jected the English Book of Common Prayer, but they also threw aside their

ARE STILL THE STANDARDS.

The Westminster Assembly adopted the Confession of Faith, the Form of Government, and a Directory of Worship, which, with very slight changes, continue to be the constitution of all English-speaking

denominations study their creeus, and a large degree of the intelligent loyality of Presbyterians is due to the fact that in their childhood they are taught that part of the confessior which is a summary of the whole, and which is called the "Shorter Catechism," in distinction from the "Longer Catechism," made for the use of adults.

The Westminster Assembly took time and pains to prepare these standards of Church doctrine. The work began in 1643 and concluded in 1647. It is said that when, in the preparation of the "Shorter Catechism," the assembly was about to frame an answer to the question, "What is God?" it was agreed to call on the Rev. George Gillespie, a Scotch member, to lead the body in prayer, and that he belead the body in prayer, and that he began his supplication with the words, "O, God, who art a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in Thy being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth." After the prayer was ended, the assembly at once decided to take Gillespie's opening declaration as the answer to the question, "What is God?"

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This famous catechism is used by English-speaking Presbyterians all over the world, and often by others than Presbyterians. Mr. Spurgeon, the great Baptist of London, had an edition of it printed for use in his Church, only omitting the root about bantism. part about baptism.

The Presbyterians are justly proud of their Westminster Confession of Faith, for it is a strong and logical statement of their doctrinal beliefs, and in this two of their doctrinal beliefs, and in this two hundred and fiftieth year of its history will, in all parts of the world, by suitable ceremonies, celebrate its adoption in the seventeenth century, as well as the dis-tinguished scholarship, piety, and abili-ties of the eminent men who gave it to the Church and the world.

HAVE TWO SPECIAL ADDRESSES. The services of the celebration will be The services of the celebration will be held by the East Hanover Presbytery in Dr. Kerr's church on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week. On Tuesday night the Hon. W. W. Henry will deliver an address on the personnel of the Westminster Assembly and the events which led up to it; and on Wednesday night the Rev. M. D. Hoge, D. D., will speak on the "Influence of the Westminster Assembly Upon the Religions of the World." It is authoritatively stated that these It is authoritatively stated that these meetings, and, indeed, all of the meetings of the presbytery which will continue through the week, will be open to the public.

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